

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Kenneth D. Simone, Jr.  
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Examiner: Beatriz Prieto  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING  
DURING AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

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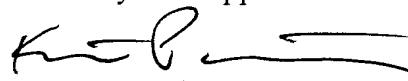
**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 25, 2006 was filed by Applicant on December 22, 2006. Applicant received an Office Communication dated January 18, 2007 stating the reply brief has been entered and considered and has been forwarded to the Board of Patent and Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. Applicant is currently awaiting a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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